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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Research and Development for Photographic Systems

REFERENCE : Memo for AD/OSA & A/AD/ORD from A/DDR, dtd 19 Jul 63. Subject: Research and Development for Photographic Systems []-0164-63)

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1. Referenced memorandum raises several questions in my mind which I set forth here for your consideration. In one sense, it establishes, at least inferentially, a new role for ORD, namely the development of an optical system and an image intensification system in association with overhead reconnaissance. Heretofore, of course, this was a role solely held by the Deputy for Technology, OSA. Secondly, if and when OSA/ORD does come up with a development program, at what point does it fall within the interest and authority of the NRO and if it does at all, does this mean the ORD is assuming a new role in its already short life, i.e. a piece of the NRO? If it doesn't fall within the auspices of the NRO, then might we (CIA) not be engaged in a parallel development program which might already be underway within the NRO, and again, if this type of research and development is not under the NRO, are we not in violation of the NRO agreement?

2. Another minor point, the Purcell Panel Report, itself, makes no reference to the employment of a very large optical system for [] in association with manned aircraft. Possibly [] is referring to another report not prior to this writer.

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